Decision to invest in Tata Tele Services

177. SHRI ABANI ROY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have asked VSNL to reverse its decision to invest Rs. 1200 crore in Tata Tele Services as reported in the Pioneer dated the 1st June; 2002;

(b) if so, whether Government's nominee on the VSNL Board had opposed the investments in Tata Tele Services;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to take faster action against VSNL in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) The Government has desired that before a final decision is taken, careful analysis and consideration of the desirability of such an investment by VSNL in the targeted company may be undertaken though the process of study by the Sub Committee proposed by the Board.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Sub-committee proposed by the Board with one Government Director is to submit its report by August 15, 2002.

Telephone connection from M.P. quota in H.P.

†178. SHRJ ANIL SHARMA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending at Jaisinghpur telephone exchange of Kangra district in Himachal Pradesh at present waiting for telephone connection from M.P priority quota;

(b) the details thereof, the places where the said telephones are to be

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

installed and since when these applications are pending; and

(c) the case-wise reasons for the delay and by when these telephones would be installed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN) : (a) and (c) Sir, a total No. of four telephone connections from M.P. quota are pending in Jaisinghpur Telephone Exchange of Kangra district in Himachal Pradesh. The details of the pending cases and the reasons for delay in each case is given in the Statement enclosed.

Statement

SI. No.	NameofHon'bleMP	Date of Sanction	Name and Address of beneficiaries	Reason for Pendency	Likely date of provision
1.	Smt. Chandresh Kumari	25-9-2000	Sh. Suman Gangotia S/o Sh. Paras Ram Gangotia, VPO Lower Kamand, Tehsil-Jaisinghpur, Dis-trict-Kangra (H.P.)	Party has asked for refund of registration charges	Does not arise
2.	Smt. Chandresh Kumari	17-4-2002	Sh. Dinesh Sono, S/o Sh. Sita Ram, VPO Lower Lamba Gaon, Tehsil Jaisinghpur District-Kangra	Commissioning work is in Progress	31-7-2002
3.	Smt. Chandresh Kumari	17-4-2002	Sh. Prithi Chand, S/o Sh. Pohlo Ram, Vill. Gujara. PO & Tehsil-Jaisinghpur. District-Kangra	Commissioning work is in Progress	31-7-2002
4.	Smt. Chandresh Kumari	17-4-2002	Chaudhary Santosh Kumari W/o Sh. Kartar Chand, VPO Taiwan Tehsil Jaisinghpur, Distt. Kangra	Commissioning work is in Progress	31 -7-2002